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Merry Christmas!



The fifth grade students of Ms. Natalie Anderson's class of Wheatley Elementary School are wishing all of you a Merry Christmas! Their principal is Ms. Margaret Randie.

Principals named for new Lubbock schools

Ann Graves, Lubbock I.S.D. deputy superintendent for elementary, announced new principals have been named for Roy W. Roberts and Centennial Elementary Schools. Opening on the 100th anniversary of LISD, Centennial Elementary will have

Glen Teal as the new principal. Teal is currently the principal at Maedgen Elementary. Whiteside Elementary Principal Joe Williams will take the helm of Roy W. Roberts Elementary when it opens in the fall of 2007.

Teal, in his fifth year as principal at Maedgen, earned his bachelor's degree from Hardin-Simmons University and a master's degree in educational administration from Baylor University. He is currently a graduate student in the Texas Tech Educational Leadership Doctoral program. He

has been in administration since 1996 and began his career as an educator in the Fort Worth area.

The principal at Whiteside Elementary since 1991, Joe Williams will serve as principal of the new Roy W. Roberts Elementary when it opens.

Williams earned both his bachelor's degree and master's degree from Texas Tech University. He

has been in administration with LISD since 1991. Williams began his education career in LISD as a sixth-grade teacher at Overton Elementary.

African Children's Choir to tour Texas



The internationally acclaimed African Children's Choir is returning to Texas! Their first concert will be on December 31st at First Baptist Church in Laguna Park. The Choir will then travel throughout the state performing concerts at local churches and community centers until late April. The first planned appearance in Lubbock will be in late February. You can find details of their tour schedule on their website for performance locations around the country and throughout Texas.

Since their humble beginnings in 1984 the African Children's Choir has brought hope and joy and the love of God to people and communities throughout North America, shining the spotlight on the millions of children of Africa living in conditions of extreme poverty, war or AIDS. The Choir has also performed at international events such as Live 8 and World Aids Day, and can be heard on the soundtrack for Warner Bros. new movie "Blood Diamond."

Through their voice and their music, the children of the Choir are taking Africa to the rest of the world.

They are the victims of a terrible pandemic, but they are also the promise and future of Africa. The African Children's Choir is about hope. By helping the most vulnerable children today, these children will help themselves and their villages tomorrow.

"The children in the Choir represent millions of children in Africa. These children are bright, articulate and motivated to realize their potential. We believe they can make a difference and we believe that when audiences see Africa through their eyes they will want to partner with us to give these children every opportunity to succeed and impact their countries," says Ray Barnett, founder of the African Children's Choir.

The African Children's Choir, through its parent organization, Music for Life Institute, is currently providing an education for over 7000 children in Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya, Sudan, Nigeria, Ghana and South Africa.

In addition to education the Choir finances numerous relief and development projects throughout

Africa, including the new Music for Life Centers in AIDS-devastated South Africa, and food relief containers to war-torn Sudan.

Concerts are free and open to all. The audience is treated to traditional African dances, lively spirituals and well-loved gospel and children's songs. A free-will offering is taken at the performance to support African Children's Choir programs.

For more information on the African Children's Choir, an overview our programs and projects and how you can help, please visit www.africanchildrenschoir.com or email us at info@africanchildrenschoir.com. You can also get the tour schedule to find out when they'll be in your area.

Sponsor a Child

Sponsorship is one of the greatest ways to personally impact the life of a child. Through sponsorship the cycle of poverty and despair can be broken.

Through Music for Life, home of the African Children's Program, there are two levels of child sponsorship available.

The first is Child Sponsorship. Children who are sponsored at this level receive their school tuition, school uniform, a school meal and basic medical needs. The gift of education provides not only for their future, but gives hope to their entire family. Many of the children who enter our sponsorship program have not previously had the opportunity to attend school. Once they do, however, many of these children rise to the top of their class and excel academically.

The second type of sponsorship is Choir Member Sponsorship. Once a child becomes a member of the African Children's Choir™, we make a commitment to care for them through to University. This commitment includes all of their care and educational needs. After a tour, Choir members return to Music for Life's Primary School in Uganda. The children attend this boarding school until they reach secondary school, at which point, they continue under the care of Music for Life and are provided educational scholarships to pursue their career choice.

Ella Hes students receive tennis rackets



(Photo Courtesy of LISD's The Reporter)

These students of Ella R. Hes Elementary School received new tennis rackets from Volk. These rackets were given to 30 students upon completion of four, free Lady Raider tennis clinics.

Pictured here are Lady Raider tennis player Lakann Wagley, center, with third graders Delaney Frazier, left, and Davidica Frazier, right. The twin girls are the daughters of Estacado High School Principal Paul Frazier.

If you find mistakes in this publication, please remember that the publishers and writers of this paper are only human. We publish things for all sorts of events, but unfortunately, some people are always looking for something to criticize.



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Community Meetings

This is a list of what is happening in Lubbock, to help complete the unfinished, community-building work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

African American Chamber of Commerce Lubbock meets on the 1st Monday of each month, from 7:00-8:00pm at the Parkway Community Center, 805 M.K. Hwy., 79407-1111.

Lubbock Area Chamber of Commerce meets on the 2nd Saturday, 10:00am at the Tuberson Branch Library.

United Way is announcing plans to hold a "Day of Service" on Tuesday, August 1, 2006.

Deaf and Hearing Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 1:00pm.

Thomas J. Washington, Sr. meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, 7:00pm at the Washington Building in Lubbock.

Evergreen Woodworkers meets on the 3rd & 4th Mondays, 7:00pm at the Tuberson Branch Library.

Evergreen Chamber of Commerce meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, 7:00pm at the Tuberson Branch Library.

Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, 7:00pm at the Tuberson Branch Library.

Deaf and Hearing Association meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month, 10:00am at the Tuberson Branch Library.

West Texas Native Plant Society meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month, 10:00am at the Tuberson Branch Library.

Texas Intergovernmental & Municipal Officials Association meets on the 2nd Monday of each month, 7:00pm at the Tuberson Branch Library.

AAA Local Service Society meets on the 2nd Monday of each month, 7:00pm at the Tuberson Branch Library.

West Texas Chamber of Commerce meets on the 2nd Monday of each month, 7:00pm at the Tuberson Branch Library.

The Parkway Chamber of Commerce meets on the 2nd Monday of each month, 7:00pm at the Tuberson Branch Library.

Chamber of Commerce meets on the 2nd Monday of each month, 7:00pm at the Tuberson Branch Library.

Capitan High School Homecoming & Family Reunion meets on the 2nd Monday of each month, 7:00pm at the Tuberson Branch Library.

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, there are three ways to get information to us:

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What's Inside

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The members and pastor, Rev. Sonja J. Beaty, of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church are inviting all citizens to come and worship with them in their Watch Night Services on Sunday evening, December 31, 2006, beginning at 10:30 p.m. Members are bringing a covered dish to fellowship with those in attendance after services.

This writer has received word of the coming of the African Children's Choir which will be touring Texas beginning December 31st in Laguna Park, Texas. The choir will be singing in two churches in Lubbock. Those churches are: Calvary Baptist Church, 5301 82nd Street, and Trinity Church, 7002 Canton Avenue. The choir will be in Texas through late April. It would be a very good idea for our young people to visit one of these presentations.

Congratulations to Estacado High School for being chosen as one of the winners of 50 healthiest schools in the country by National Got Milk? Campaign. The school was nominated by a student and chosen a winner because of Estacado's efforts to educate students on the importance of good health through school sponsored wellness and athletic programs.

Estacado received a \$1,000 grant toward nutrition and fitness programs and the student body received a concert from Britney Christian as part of winning the contest.

As we enter the Christmas Holidays, let us remember there are those among us who are sick and shut-in. Your prayers, visits and a telephone call would bring cheer to someone who is ill. Today, it is them and tomorrow it could be you.

Among those on the sick list include: Sister Dorothy Nash, Sister Bernice Wright, Sister Emma Rowe, Sister Lillie Smith, Sister Viva Lillian Gambles, Brother Rudolph Belvin and Brother James Bibbs, Sr.

Let us not forget those who have lost loved ones as well. Funeral services were held last Saturday morning, December 15, 2006, at the New Hope Baptist Church for one of our longtime citizens, Brother Oree Matthews. Let us continue to pray for this family, as well as others who have lost loved ones. Remember, God is able!

Let us be extremely careful as we drive to and fro in our community beginning on Friday, December 22nd, as the Lubbock

Public Schools will close its doors for the Christmas Holidays. The young people will on vacation until Monday morning, January 8, 2007. They will be excited in the community, and may not be paying attention to their travels. So, please drive careful for our children.

It is that time of the year when we celebrate the Christmas Holidays. Let us not forget why we are celebrating as it is the birthday of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Just keep in mind the reason for the season. Remember it is because of Him we are able to celebrate.

My friends, don't get all caught up in the gift under the tree, but rather be thankful for the greatest gift of all. Just be thankful, because all of us are blessed!

So, be careful and take care of yourself until the next time you read this column. Thanks for your support over the past year. Without your valuable input, this column would not be what it is. No matter how you look at it, this weekly newspaper, *The Southwest Digest*, is here for all of you. It is just what all of us will make it.

So, have a Merry Christmas! Get ready for the New Year! May God continue to bless each of you is our prayer.

In Remembrance

James Beaty

Funeral services for James Beaty of Oakley, California and former resident of Lubbock, will be held today, Thursday morning, December 21, 2006, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

Private disposition were held following the services under the direction of Griff Mortuary & Funeral Home.

Mr. Beaty died in his residence Monday, December 11, 2006.

L. T. "Smiley" Blocker

Funeral services for L. T. "Smiley" Blocker were held Friday afternoon,

November 24, 2006, at the Unity Chapel Funeral Home with Bishop Curtis Byrd officiating.

Burial was held Taft Memorial Park in Taft, Texas under the direction of Unity Chapel Funeral Home of Corpus Christi.

He was born in Waco, Texas to the late Bennie and Emma Blocker on January 11, 1942. He was the youngest of the Blocker children. He attended public school in Waco, and graduated from Moore High School. He was known by many in the Waco Community as the Number One Paperboy, because he was always on time and sold the largest amount of newspapers. He was employed by the Waco Times Herald as a full time employee.

In 1965, L. T. moved to Corpus Christi with his brother, Rotan. It was there he made his home. After a short time, he was employed with Diddler Van Lines which is now known as United Van Lines. He retired from this company.

L. T. will be remembered by a sister, Louise Kennard of Fort Worth, seven brothers, Revan Blocker of Shreveport, La., Willie Blocker of Lufkin, Bernie, Tim, Louis, Orin and Nathan Blocker, all of Waco, and many other relatives and friends.

Oree Matthews

Funeral services for Oree Matthews, a longtime resident, were held Saturday, December 16, 2006, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home. Mr. Matthews passed away Sunday, December 10, 2006.

He was born November 20, 1926 in Ozark, Alabama to the late James Byrd and Jewell Dawkins-Matthews. He attended Ozark schools, and then joined the U. S. Navy February 6, 1945. He was honorably discharged April, 1946.

Mr. Matthews was united in marriage with Alene Davis August 2, 1952 in Tuxedo, Texas. He was employed as a dedicated employee of Southwestern Public Service Company, now XCEL Energy, for 39 years.

In his younger years, he was one of the founders and players of the "Lubbock Black Hubbers" baseball team. He was a coach in

the Eastern Little League while his sons were playing.

Jerry Rutherford, Sr.

Funeral services for Jerry Rutherford, Sr. will be held today, Thursday morning, December 14,

2006, at Christ Temple Church of God in Christ with Supt. W. David Haynes, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home.

Mr. Rutherford passed away Friday, December 5, 2006.

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

Merry Christmas, Everybody!

Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, from my family to yours!

FASHION TIP: Always wear a smile!
FASHION - Just for the fun of it!

Prairie View community mourns the loss of alumna

Prairie View - Prairie View A&M University mourns the death of alumna and former cheerleader Bethany Norwood, whose paralyzing fall during an unsupervised cheerleading practice two years ago changed the university community forever.

Norwood, a member of the class of 2006, died of remote spinal cord injury on Dec. 11 in San Antonio.

After a tragic fall in 2004 that broke her neck in six places, damaged her spinal cord and rendered her unable to walk, Norwood used her courage and unwavering desire to move past her accident and completed her bachelor's degree in political science from Prairie View A&M University in May 2006.

Despite her paraplegic status and having all odds against her future, Norwood did what Prairie View graduates do—she became a productive person. Before her death, Norwood remained focused on pursuing a legal career to prepare herself to provide a voice and advocacy for disabled military veterans.

Prairie View A&M University President George C. Wright said, "The entire Prairie View A&M University community has lost a true inspiration. We offer her parents, Bobby and Marva Norwood and her entire family our most sincere condolences during their loss. Bethany's story will always remind us of the human capacity to accomplish greatness despite unexpected tragedy."

In a recent article released on Norwood, PVAMU political science professor Artemesia Stanberry states "Bethany had every right to stop trying, to just give up. But she never did." Stanberry also confesses "I often told her she was the inspiration to me."

Professor Stanberry describes Norwood as "A student that had a great relationship with faculty and students alike. She often led class discussions and exhibited an enor-

mous amount of character that was a huge inspiration to all of my students."

"The fact that she was able to continue on despite the tragedy of her accident was inspiring. She was the same Bethany after the accident as she was before," states former classmate Cory Nebbett. "It's rare to see someone of our age face that kind of a hurdle and still move forward."

Norwood's mother, Marva Norwood, was often seen on campus escorting her daughter while Bethany finished her course work towards her degree. Sources say that her mother sometimes cradled her daughter's head during lectures to help keep her warm.

Upon hearing of Norwood's death, student and university officials immediately organized a memorial scholarship fund in her honor. Donations may be sent to the Bethany Norwood Memorial Scholarship Fund: **Bethany Norwood Memorial Scholarship Fund**, Prairie View A&M University, P.O. Box 519, Mail Stop 1200, Prairie View, Texas 77446.

Please make checks payable to Prairie View A&M University and

note "Bethany Norwood fund" on the memo line. Services were held for Miss Norwood on Saturday, December 16.

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We Thank God for Jesus Could Be Worse

Written by Evangelist Billy "B.J." Morrison, III - Your brother in Christ Jesus always.

Proverb 27:20 - Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man never satisfied.

We have a little headache. The pain is great. We want to curse. We hear of people with brain tumors. Thank God, we could be worse.

Psalm 92:1 - It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto His name, O' Most High.

We can buy groceries and fill 12 sacks, but the prices are high and we curse. We see many people hustling trash cans. Thank God, it could be worse.

Deuteronomy 15:11 - The Lord said, for the poor shall never cease out of the land. Therefore, I command thee, saying, thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy Brother, to the poor, and to the needy in the land.

When the heat wave comes, and the temperature gets up to 105. We want to curse. In many places the temperature gets to be 118. Thank God, it could be worse.

Psalm 118:24 - This is the day

which the Lord hath made. We will rejoice and be glad about it.

You go to the store, and you pull on the door, but it is too hard to open, and we curse. We see a man in a wheel chair trying. Thank God, it could be worse.

Psalm 105:1-3 - O' Give thanks unto the Lord. Call upon His name and make known His deeds among the people. Sing unto Him. Sing psalms unto Him, Talk ye of all His wondrous works. Glory ye in His Holy name. Let the heart of them rejoice who seek the Lord.

Some people get their car's fender bent. Out loud, they do curse. Then they see the cars which are totaled out. Thank God, it could be worse.

Psalm 35:18 - I will give thee (God) thanks in the great congregation. I will praise thee among much people.

It rained with only 4 inches, and under our breath we do curse. Other states are flooding with 14 inches of rain. Thank God, it could

be worse.

We stomp our toe. The pain is great. Out loud, we curse. Then we see a man with no foot at all. Thank God, it could be worse.

Psalm 111:1 - Praise ye the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

The wind was blowing 50 mph the other day, and many did curse. We have forgotten the 1970 tornado. Thank God, it could be worse!

II Timothy 3:1-2 - This known also that in the last days, perilous (dangerous) times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boast-ers, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy.

The man said, "My car is broken. I have to ride the CITIBUS." Many cities don't have a bus system. Thank God, it could be worse.

I Thessalonians 5:16-17 - Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met in the home of Sister Christene Burleson in a special call meeting last week. This meeting was for the purpose of organizing a third Prayer Breakfast. There will be more information about this exciting effort in next week's issue.

"What is Deliverance???"

Deliverance is a way of bringing oneself into conformity to the image of Jesus Christ by closing the gap between oneself and Satanic influences. Deliverance is taking a look at yourself through the eyes of honesty and with the spirit of humility; not thinking more highly of yourself than you ought to think. Deliverance is purging. Psalm 51:7. Deliverance is a process of cleansing for the body of Christ. A means of preparation for presentation to Christ without spots or wrinkle. Holy and without blemish. Ephesians 5a:27. Deliverance is an

ongoing process, dying daily and bringing your flesh into subjection. Deliverance is submitting yourself to God and resisting the devil. It is pulling off the old nature and putting on the new nature. Deliverance is living saved.

Deliverance is also the process of expelling demons. It is a way that God uses to cleanse the Christians' temple. Demons are evil spirits and brings their objective in human beings to temp, deceive, accuse, condemn, pressure, defile, resist, oppose, control, compel, steal, afflict, kill and destroy. The aim of deliverance is to remove the trespassing demon spirits from the soul and body in order that Jesus can reign over these areas. Deliverance is a way of eliminating the hindrances to spiritual development. If a man, therefore, purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work. II Timothy 2:21.

Deliverance is the children's bread. Mark 7:27. Deliverance is for the Saints of God. Sinners cannot maintain deliverance. Sinners must first experience the New Birth. Christians, however, can be taught to maintain their deliverance by living a life sanctified and holy unto God. After deliverance, the "house" (Life) must be filled. You should fill your house with the fruit of the Spirit. Begin to put on the mind of Christ with constant submission unto God. Continue to fight daily against the wiles of the devil through a life of constant prayer and fasting!

Make your home a light house of Prayer this Christmas Season!

Have a Blessed Holiday. Thanks for reading. Saints. Join us this New Year! We're all about Prayer, and we're praying for you!

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; Sister Elnora Jones, teacher; and Sister Pattie White and Sister Patricia, Secretaries.

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended again last Sunday morning, December 17, 2006, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

Services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:10 a.m. with Superintendent Sister Luelia Harris in charge. The morning lesson was taught by Sister Harris, and was reviewed by Pastor Canady. The lesson's subject was "Walking In The Light." The scripture text was I John 1:1-1; 5. What a wonderful lesson, and a great lesson leading up to the upcoming Christmas Season which reminds us the reason for the season. All in attendance received valuable information about the real light!

The morning worship hour got underway at 11:15 a.m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson in charge of the morning devotion.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sang out of their hearts and souls. It is such a blessing to hear God's praises in songs.

Pastor Canady delivered a powerful sermon. His subject was "A Mountain Top Experience." His scripture text was Exodus 3:1-12. What a powerful word.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in members. They include Sister Ethel Williams and Sister Ovestha Moore who is home from the hospital. Of course, there are many others in our community who are sick and shut-in whom we

are not aware of at this time. Let us not forget them as well.

At the same time, let us not forget those families who have lost loved ones in our community. Remember God is able!

Here's wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year! May God continue to bless and keep each of you in our prayers.

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From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Standing with Bush on Iran and Syria

I applaud President Bush and Condoleezza Rice on their stance toward Iran and Syria as it relates to the interest of America. I believe that there is not a leader of any country in the world who is more dangerous to America's interest than Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. One readily comprehends the mindset of Ahmadinejad is truly evil.

Mr. Ahmadinejad initiated a conference that alleged the Holocaust as a "myth" and called for Israel to be wiped off the map. He also said, "Thanks to people's wishes and God's will, the trend for the existence of the regime (Israel) is downwards and this is what God has promised and what all nations said. Just as the Soviet Union was wiped out and today does not exist, so will the regime soon be wiped out."

Present at the conference was a known hater of Jews and Black people: David Duke. To refresh your memory, Mr. Duke is former Louisiana state representative, a Presidential Primary candidate for both the Democratic and Republican Parties, and former Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan. Duke pled guilty to tax evasion and fraud charges, resulting in a year's stay in prison (how did a convicted felon get pass Homeland Security and into Iran?). Duke is affiliated with the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, National Association for

White People, European Unity and Rights Organization, Ernst Zündel and the Zundelsite.

This self-styled "white supremacist" believes that "all people have a basic human right to preserve their own heritage. He is oppose to racial integration and favors white separation. Duke has a PhD and wears a high dollar business suit in lieu of a robe.

In a letter to the American people dated Wednesday, November 27, 2006, Ahmadinejad accused the American government of "coercion, force and injustice". The opinion he gave stated the United States should remove itself from Iraq. He also expressed a Palestinian state should be recognized and meddle in American politics by warning the Democratic Party that gaining control of the U. S. Congress means being "held to account by the people and by history." Ahmadinejad has also said, Iran was ready to help the United States get out of the "Iraqi quagmire if the U. S. changes its bullying policy toward Iran."

The Iraq Study Group Report recommends America does the following in dealing with Iran and Syria. "Dealing with Iran and Syria is controversial. Nevertheless, it is our view that in diplomacy, a nation can and should engage its adversaries and enemies to try to resolve conflicts and dif-

ferences consistent with its own interest. Accordingly, the Support Group should actively engage Iran and Syria in its diplomatic dialogue, without preconditions. The Study Group recognizes that U. S. relationships with Iran and Syria involve difficult issues that must be resolved. Diplomatic talks should be extensive and substantive, and they will require a balancing of interests. The United States has diplomatic, economic, and military disincentives available in approaches to both Iran and Syria. However, the United States should also consider incentives to try to engage them constructively, much as it did successfully with Libya."

What are these people thinking? Have they studied the genealogies of these nations? Did someone not tell the study group about the Biblical Magog? Were they not informed of the Scythians and others who descended from the Aryans (Proto-Indo-Iranians)? Where they not told these people believe they were the superior Caucasian peoples of humankind? Maybe one should examine the study group.

David Duke felt at home with his kind at Ahmadinejad conference denouncing the Holocaust. As such, we support President Bush as the majority of Americans should in not caving in to Iran or Syria.

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PRNewswire — In 2005, Shawn, Marlon and Keenen Ivory Wayans announced plans to launch their very first children's lifestyle property Thugaboo. Based on original source material created by the Wayans Bros., the masterminds behind "In Living Color," "Scary Movie 1&2," and most recently, "White Chicks," Thugaboo was designed as a broad, character-based property that takes a humorous look at the trials and tribulations of nine very different kids growing up in the inner city. Through a series of misadventures these kids learn valuable lessons: everything from the importance of friendship to never giving up on one's dreams. Drawing from their own childhood, the Wayans promise to deliver a very special treat to kids of every demographic and ethnicity. It was aired as three special episodes on Nickelodeon and Nick Toons. Repeat airings will be shown periodically.

Made especially for children and families, Thugaboo combines elements of shows such as Fat Albert, Peanuts, and Hey Arnold. It takes place in a fictional version of New York called Boo York and revolves around a large cast of kids. The main character of this first of three planned specials is D-Roc (George Gore). D-Roc is an aspiring rapper who lives with his mother (Kim Wayans), unseen father, and little sister Dee Dee (Countess Vaughn).

"We identify with youth culture and strive to tap into their funny bone by creating characters they can relate to while entertaining their parents at the same time," said Marlon Wayans.

When asked about their source of inspiration Shawn Wayans answered, "We were inspired by some of our favorite cartoons as kids, and wanted to bring something special to a



D-Roc is the main character in the Thugaboo series, along with his sister, Dee Dee and other neighborhood friends. Thugaboo is often compared to Bill Cosby's Fat Albert characters.

producing, writing and lending their voices to a direct-to-video series that is already underway.

Thugaboo's simultaneous appeal to both children and parents is one of its particular strengths.

"As a parent, I think it's important for kids to have a source of entertainment that deals with life in positive and comedic ways. It's our goal to create toys, books and videos that kids will love and parents can feel good about buying," remarked Keenen Ivory Wayans.

Recently, Shawn and Marlon began promoting their latest Thugaboo special airing for the Christmas season, called *Miracle on D-Roc's Street*.

The Christmas special runs from now until Christmas on Nickelodeon and Nick Toons.

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The Wayans are active in

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 - 13. Southwestern flooring
 - 14. Bizet's "Carmen," e.g.
 - 15. Related
 - 16. 2006 "_____ the Hedge," movie
 - 17. Chef's armor
 - 18. Small ornamented cake
 - 20. They resisted emancipation of slaves
 - 21. Opposes the rights
 - 22. Street in France
 - 23. Ablaze
 - 26. Smaller than a mid-size
 - 30. "_____ whiz!"
 - 31. Planters' treat
 - 34. Hipbones
 - 35. Take as one's own
 - 37. Short for horizontal
 - 38. Tallest U.S. building
 - 39. Member of Pueblo people
 - 40. Served to cleanse the palate
 - 42. Cathode-ray tube
 - 43. A diocese of an Eastern Orthodox Church
 - 45. Left for Santa
 - 47. Metal-bearing rock
 - 48. China's is Great, pl.
 - 50. Rice-looking pasta
 - 52. Athletic facility in ancient Greece or Rome
 - 56. Iranian monarchs
 - 57. Tangerine and grapefruit hybrid
 - 58. Van Gogh's famous flower
 - 59. Squeals
 - 60. Not far
 - 61. Type of print, usually legal
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 - 4. Capital of Philippines
 - 5. Pick up this foot in basket-ball and you travel!
 - 6. Intestinal obstruction
 - 7. Short for territory
 - 8. A slice of Americana
 - 9. Designer Wang
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 - 13. English confection
 - 14. Tanned fiber used in ship-building
 - 19. Give rise to a desire
 - 22. What becomes of uneaten apples
 - 23. Fixed eyes
 - 24. Sick and tired
 - 25. "Queen of Mean" NY real estate investor
 - 26. Where unruly patrons are kicked
 - 27. Archaic exclamation of regret
 - 28. Plural of cirrus
 - 29. One of five senses
 - 32. Nabisco's "Chips _____!"
 - 33. Neither here _____ there
 - 36. Babushka's treat
 - 38. Wide scarf
 - 40. Female pronoun
 - 41. Oblong cream puff
 - 44. Emblem of Christianity
 - 46. Make rigid
 - 48. Often placed on a game
 - 49. Satisfy
 - 50. Buckeye state
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Pacely named winner of Texas College raffle

The Lubbock Chapter of the Texas College Alumni Association is announcing the winner of their raffle for a "Boom Box." The drawing was held last Saturday, December 16, 2006, and the winner was Ms. Linda Pacely of 2534 69th Street.

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ATTENTION!

If you have nominated someone, or have been nominated for the Best Dressed contest, listen up!

We need the names and phone numbers of each contestant so that we may contact them for the presentation.

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The program will be held January, 2007. The final date and location of the event will be forthcoming in the Southwest Digest. Event coordinator, Eddie P. Richardson, has reported that nearly 120 applications have been received so far!

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Editorials • Comments • Opinions



THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL! THIS N THAT would like to take this opportunity and wish all of YOU a very MERRY CHRISTMAS. May you not forget the reason for the season. It is the time of the year when we all look back over where we have come from over the year, and give praises to GOD, no matter our station we find ourselves in life. Just to look back, one can see how blessed we are. You can see how important this holiday is to this writer, especially since many obstacles have been overcome in life. The sickness has really given this writer a different perspective on life. Oh yes, it is a MERRY CHRISTMAS, and will never forget from whence this writer has come. So, just take a long hard look at life, and you will be amazed of how far you have come over the year! It is a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and may each of you have the same!

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS, "A WORD FROM YOUR MOUTH SPEAKS VOLUMES ABOUT YOUR HEART."

THINK ABOUT THESE FACTS ABOUT BLACK YOUTH. THIS N THAT read some startling info from THE FOCUS MAGAZINE, produced by the Joint Center For Political

And Economic Studies. In the November/December 2006 issue, under the headline "It's In Our Hands", you can read that one-quarter of all BLACK CHILDREN are living in poverty. Of all AFRICAN-AMERICAN births, 6.6 percent are to GIRLS under the age of 18. In some cities, NEARLY 80 PERCENT of Black males are not FINISHING HIGH SCHOOL. Every day, more than A THOUSAND BLACK TEENS are arrested. One in every eight BLACK MEN between the ages of 25 & 29 is incarcerated. For YOUNG BLACK WOMEN between the ages of 25 & 34, HIV/AIDS is the leading cause of death. The leading cause of death for BLACK BOYS is homicide and for comparable drug offenses, AFRICAN-AMERICAN YOUTH are 48 times more likely than white youth to be SENTENCED TO JUVENILE PRISONS. Hopefully, this information will make us think about what is happening to our BLACK YOUTH!

CONGRATS TO ESTACADO ECHO! THIS N THAT is glad to see that the ESTACADO ECHO is still standing as the second issue was published in November. Just keep doing what you know you can do, and your

publication will continue to grow. Hopefully, there will be some young people who will get excited about pursuing JOURNALISM. By pursuing journalism and writing, you can hopefully be around to make a difference. All of you are needed, but those who are really excited about it, keep standing and something good will happen for you. Anyway, CONGRATS Estacado High School Echo for a very good first semester! Let's get busy for the second semester, and send us your articles!

LET'S VISIT OUR SCHOOLS! THIS N THAT is still asking as many as will to VISIT our Lubbock Public Schools whenever time will allow you to do so. The first semester is almost over, but we can make plans for the second semester. Our young people will be glad to see us on their campus. Will you make plans after the holidays to visit a school, and let our kids know we appreciate what they are doing? Not only our kids, but let the administrators and teachers know we appreciate what they are doing, and we stand ready to help any way we can. Let's get ready to do what we can to help our young people. Just keep in mind, **OUR KIDS NEED ALL OF US! HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!!!**

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



The votes of the last mid-term elections have barely been counted and cooled as the next presidential election is heating up. It has been known that Hillary Clinton had designs on the white house when she was elected senator from New York. It was no secret when she was the first lady and her husband Bill Clinton was president, at the white house that she had the zest for politics in her failed effort to get a national health insurance program initiated. It is no news that she has been campaigning for a long time. Her rival, Barack Obama has not been short stopping.



Howard

It was part of the bigger plan for Barack Obama to run for president when he left the Illinois State Legislature to run for Congress. The forces behind Obama reached out to former Illinoisans to contact their voting friends still in Illinois to make sure that they voted for Obama in his bid for senator from Illinois and it paid off. He won. He has been modest about his successes and the center of his rhetoric is unity. He wants the political parties to come together on issues that affect our county.

Senator Robert Kennedy has taken steps to have dinner and invite both senators, Clinton and Obama to grace his table and that says something for the state of Massachusetts. In addition, the state of New Hampshire has invited Obama to spend time there which can be interpreted as a mandate to have him run for president. It would come as no surprise if both Obama and Clinton end up on the same party ticket as

candidates for president and vice-president. Such a ticket would be very difficult to decide which would be in which position, as either elected to the office of president would be a first; the first Black person to be president of the United States or the first female to be president of the United States. It is going to be interesting.

Many candidates have thrown their hats into the presidential political arena, but at this time the Democratic Party's frontrunners appear to be Clinton and Obama. With two years to campaign, there will be a lot of money spent and many feelings hurt. The American people may get what they want but we need to get 'in cinque' and make sure that we get what we want in a president and vice president by keeping a close eye on the political events of the future.

Letters to the Editor

Is Obama ready?

Barack Obama it would seem has everything we are looking for in a President. He appeals to all ethnic groups, he seems to be a wonderful family man, he is African American, and has and is living the plight of the black man, and he understands that plight, that alone make me like him, people in both red and blue states like him. He is living the American dream. US World News say he is a Rock Star. But, He is not yet ready to be President of the United States. And these are my reasons why.

He just don't have the knowledge to be President, he is a greenhorn. Being President of the United States is not a learn as you go job, like so many, one mistake effects a hundred million people, one small mistake with a world leader could be un-fixable. We have had a learn-as-you-go President for two terms. Where are we? We are in a War that has no end, our young men and women are dying in untold numbers, now, service to your county is an un-ending thing, you can be as old as 60 and be called on to die in Iraq. You know Natalie Manes; (a Lubbock girl) hit the nail on the head when she calls the President a "dumb blank, blank." He do not have a clue. Colin Powell told him "If you break it you own it", meaning Iraq. He has no idea how to fix what he broke. Our young men and women are dying because of a lie. President Bush told me that Saddam was a danger to me in Mount

Vernon, WA, that was a lie. Barack can't fix Iraq, it's too broke. I don't think anyone can fix Iraq.

Republicans are running scared now. They have lost both the House and the Senate, as well as their base, that base is looking for a wonder boy, so Barack is the flavor of the month. But consider this, when the candy is all gone, The Press, people like Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, the Judicial Watch and Larry Claimant will eat him alive. The Judicial watch is already digging up dirt on a land deal that Senator Obama entered into with one time fundraiser Antion (Tony) Razko. Christopher Hitchens has already said, "We are not yet ready for a black President". Unlike Christopher Hitchens, I think we are ready for a Black President, and no I'm not on anything, just not now. Barack Obama is too fine a young man to have happen, what happen to President Johnson when he inherited the Vietnam War.

Jeannette Livingston
Mount Vernon, WA

immigration Raids

This week's well-publicized immigration raid on the Swift & Co.

meatpacking plant in Cactus, in the Texas Panhandle, serves as a troubling reminder that our immigration system is broken and needs to be fixed.

Texas businesses want and need to follow the law. Unfortunately, they lack a sensible and reliable system to verify an employee's legal status.

Employers are forced to navigate tricky waters each time they make a hire. Texas businesses must deal with complex immigration regulations; a glut of seemingly valid, but sometimes counterfeit, worker identification documents; and the threat of discrimination lawsuits if they ask the 'wrong' questions about employees' documents.

Enforcement alone will not fix our immigration system, and it has failed in the past. We can't just build walls around a broken system - we need to fix the system to make sure we achieve real security, restore law and order and have enough workers to continue growing our economy.

It is time for a serious solution to this serious challenge. It is time for Congress to act.

Bill Hammond, President,
Texas Association of Business

Think About It!

What Have We Really Accomplished?

by Eddie P. Richardson



The superhighway, internet, modern technology, robots and all the modern day programs are very good, convenient and easy to use. No effort or energy used which contribute to obesity, laziness and a decline in health.

Look at the times. The Civil Rights movement is past. Now look what we have hanging this day and time. Boys are wearing their pants hanging, underwear dirty and showing in public view. Males are wearing earrings; no respect for self and others. Neighborhoods are not as they once were in the past. Times are gone and not like they were once. There appears to be no more love for one another. No more love for thy brother. It is appears we are no longer our brother's keeper. Selfishness is running rampant. We appear to be concerned about getting over on each other; slick and game running. My! What a long way we have come backwards!

Now we are a year later and the time has apparently come to honor the "Merry Christmas" greetings, but it has been ditched by many retailers for the generic "Happy Holidays" in a bid not to offend non-Christians, which we all know Christmas was originally a pagan holiday as most of the holidays. We now observe, but it has become a tradition when families, friends, and neighbors get together to show caring and love. But with the assistance and persistence of

many over commercialism, the Christmas, not Xmas spirit, is once again spreading throughout the country.

Where did the respect go? In many ways, we are back into the good old days as far as race relations and respect for others. This appears to be the case over the country, even in Lubbock. Teasing is a reality and in many cases, disrespect for others appear to be the agenda or the day, especially caused upon affected class minorities by local police and others. This is becoming a nationwide disaster. Where did the Civil Rights movement go in America? This writer was a part of the movement in the 1950's and 1960's. Today, it appears as the whole mood and spirit are gone. So many of us feel as though we have arrived and don't know what stage coach we were traveling on.

Just look at the recent event with the former Seinfeld star, Michael Richards, who shocked the world with his racial outburst during a comedy club routine which threw his already waning career into a death spend.

This writer does not know if

there is any way a 57 year old comedian, who played Kramer on the hit sitcom can salvage his career. But it is more important he resolve whatever anger he has which brought out such ugliness in the first place. No one is that viciously foul language without it coming deep inside. He needs to conquer the demons lurking within before worrying about his career. He will forever be tainted. He needs to sit down and reappraise his life.

One thing, for sure, he can do is put his money where his mouth is and not with Jesse Jackson or Al Sharpton and contribute some of his Seinfeld riches to a good cause which will benefit the group he disrespected, African Americans.

Closing Thought: "Be careful what you ask for, because you may receive it."

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Hear the gospel - Romans 10:17
Believe Jesus Christ to be the son of God - Mark 16:16
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Confess - Romans 10:10
Be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins - Acts 2:38
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International Awareness Team works regularly in partnership with the Breedlove Dehydration Plant to study and aid in world issues, increasing students' awareness of the need to live as active global citizens.

And when the school day ends, the learning does not stop at Iles. All students are invited to participate in a free Extended Day program featuring specialty classes in discipline such as art, ballroom dancing, guitar, steel drum band, piano, organic gardening or

Yearwood, Principal, at (806) 766-1755.

Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Happy Birthday Jesus
Thank You for dying for me
With your great sacrifice
You redeemed, and set me free

I am grateful Lord,
And Praise your Holy name
For some not to Thank You,
I'm ashamed, ashamed, ashamed.

If only all would realize
You could have come down from the cross.
And then, all souls would have lost,
But there will always be some, like Thomas do not believe, and Only doubt.
But I want to be in that number who hears the loud shout.

"Time will be no more"
Then I want to go with you, to the other shore and hear you
Say welcome home
Servant, for a race well run, I will give you a crown of life for
A job well done.
"Happy Birthday, Jesus!"

- Katie Parks



Realizing the importance of community in education, Ella R. Iles Elementary has actively involved parents, family members, businesses, higher education, and community members as stakeholders in the school. Programs such as the Crusader-Raider Club and Knight Readers organizations, both in conjunction with Texas Tech University, emphasize academic achievement among the students. Partnerships with organizations such as the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra and Ballet Lubbock expose children first-hand to the fine arts.

In addition, understanding multiculturalism remains a tradition at Iles. For more than twenty-five years, Iles has developed programs and learning experiences relating to all cultures, culminating in a yearly Brotherhood celebration. Also, the Iles

sound engineering. Programs are provided free of charge thanks to funding from a 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant until 5 p. m. each day.

"I like being here," said Teddy, a third-grader at Iles. "I like the fine arts and after-school programs."

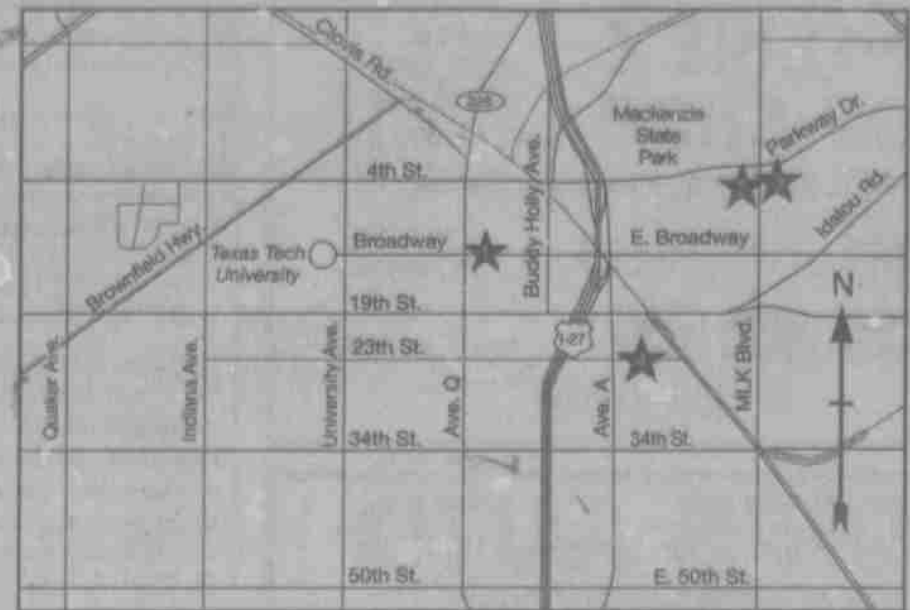
"If I couldn't go to school here," remarked kindergartener Aziel, "I would be very sad."

This school has been honored with a Magnet Schools of America Schools of Distinction Merit Award, the Glenn Hendricks Magnet School of Merit Award, and was named as a 21st Century Schools of Distinction finalist.

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